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REPORT.

Again it becomes the duty of the Managers of the "Temporary Home for the Destitute" to report the work that has been done during the year. We have received an unusually large number of children. They are of two classes, — those who are given up to us for adoption, and those who come to us temporarily. The latter are usually in a state of great destitution, and remain with us sometimes for a few days, while some other arrangement is being made for them permanently, or for weeks and even months, till their parents or friends are able to receive them back, and care for them in their own homes. Occasionally whole families of children come to us in this way. In many cases the father is intemperate, and does nothing for the support of his wife and children; the mother finds it impossible to feed and clothe them, and brings them to us to keep, until she has accumulated a little money, or can look after them herself again. Sometimes she goes to a hospital, and we take care of the children until she is able to return home.

Many are brought to us by city missionaries, who ask us to keep them a few days while they have time to see what further can be done; or other benevolent societies send them to remain with us until a vacancy occurs with them.

In some instances one or both of the parents are sent to Deer Island for drunkenness, or to jail for other reasons. We had a case of this kind this summer. The parents were concerned in a quarrel in which a man was killed, and were both sent to jail to await trial. The four children were sent to our Home, and remained over two months. The father was sent to prison; but the mother was discharged, and took the children home with her.

We have more or less every year who come to find places in families. They are generally homeless and friendless; too young to go to an employment office, and too old for adoption. We find suitable homes for them, where they can assist in the household duties, and be sent to school for a portion of the time. We prefer to place such children in the country, as it is often best to take them away from the influences by which they have been surrounded. They are under our supervision until they are eighteen years old, and indeed after that, as they look upon the Home as their home, and find in Mrs. Gwynne a friend and counsellor. These children grow up to be useful members of society. Many have become teachers, and in some instances heads of institutions.

The children who come to us for adoption are usually under four years of age, sometimes they are but a few months old; and we find homes for them where they are legally adopted and made members of the family. We constantly receive satisfactory letters from the adopting parents.

One wrote to us last March: "I promised to write to you about our little Willie. I assure you I have never regretted taking him, and my husband is much pleased with the choice I made. We should feel very badly to be obliged to give him up now. The dear little fellow has never seemed lonesome at all; though, in his play, he

sometimes speaks of the children in the Home. He loves us all, and thinks he has found his papa and mamma. I hope he may prove to be a blessing to us."

A lady who took three children from us, wrote in October: "I think perhaps you would like to hear again from our children. It is a year next Tuesday since Harry came to us, and two weeks later Willie and May came. Harry goes to school, and studies quite hard. He read a little in the Bible to-day, and very well, too, for a boy who had only been to school eighteen weeks. He is very ambitious, and this summer he picked three dollars' worth of berries to get some boots for himself this winter.

"Willie grows rapidly. He does not speak very plainly yet, but he improves. He tries to be a good boy, and loves his little sister, and takes good care of her. May is the pet of the family. She thinks lots of 'papa' and enough of 'mamma.' Willie and May have no recollection of any thing before they came here. Harry remembers something, but I think it comes to him like a dream."

Last summer we had a pair of twin boys sent to us. We kept them some time in the Home, hoping to find a home for them together; not succeeding in this, we finally decided we must separate them. One boy went to a neighboring town; and a few days later a sister of the adopting mother came and took the other boy, so that they might be brought up together.

In the early part of the year a woman in great destitution brought a little girl to the Home, and left her in our care. She was perfectly well when she came, but in a few days developed scarlet fever. Although she was removed at once to the City Hospital, some of the other children had taken it. Cases of this kind frequently occur; and we really need a small house, a little way out of the city, where we can send the children when they

first come to us, to remain two weeks, until all danger of this kind is over.

Just before Christmas, three little children came to the Home by themselves, and asked if they could be taken in for a time. Their father was dead, and their mother was ill. On inquiry, it was found that a child in an adjoining house had scarlet fever. Of course we could not risk the health of the children already under our care, by receiving the poor little children into our Home under such circumstances; but it was very hard to send them away.

We are very sorry to have to record the death of one of our Managers, Mr. William B. Storer. He had been an efficient member of the Board for sixteen years, and was at one time its president. In April last, we lost our old physician, Dr. Samuel Cabot, who for many years had generously given us his services.

We wish to thank all our friends for their kind interest, as well as for the generous gifts they have made the Home during the past year. Our list of donations shows how many and how various these have been, — products of the farm and garden, as well as money, books, and useful clothing. Twice the children have been entertained by friends in their own homes, and once they were made very happy by a sleigh-ride.

They have had a very pleasant Christmas, having been invited to a Christmas tree at the Methodist-Episcopal Church at the corner of Worcester and Tremont Streets, and by the Second Church. In addition to these, there is always a little celebration at the Home. We wish to acknowledge again our obligation to Dr. A. T. Cabot and Dr. Buckingham for their care and attention to our sick children; and to the Young Men's Christian Union for the benefit of the "Country Week," and for the many drives they have given.

The record of the year is as follows: —

Number of children in the Home, Dec. 29, 1884		56
Received during the year		208
		264
Returned to parents or friends	117	
Placed for adoption	71	
Placed in families or other institutions	26	
Died	8	
	222	
Remaining in the house, Dec. 28, 1885	42	
		264

Dr. TEMPORARY HOME FOR THE DESTITUTE, *in account with* JOHN D. WILLIAMS, *Treasurer.* **Cr.**

1885.			
Dec. 31.	To cash paid during the year for		
	Provisions and groceries . .	$1,343 29	
	Incidentals	648 10	
	Salaries and wages	2,481 75	
	Board of infants and children	1,108 10	
	Water-tax	38 00	
	Gas	95 40	
	Fuel	252 82	
	Furniture	109 31	
	Printing	45 00	
	Repairs	28 60	
			$6,150 37
	Bills receivable — for amounts loaned .		7,500 00
	To cost of mortgage	4,000 00	
	" " of railroad shares . .	3,122 00	
			7,122 00
	Balance cash on hand		614 16
			$21,386 53

1885.			
Dec. 29.	By balance from old account		$9,746 68
1885.			
Dec. 31.	By subscriptions and donations	$2,418 50	
	Income from funded property	1,876 35	
			4,294 85
	Legacy from Hollis Moore .	200 00	
	Life-members	50 00	
			250 00
	Bills receivable: Sundry loans paid in,		7,000 00
	Town of Brookline, board of child . .		75 00
Jan. 16.	Sale of $33⅓ fractional scrip consolidated Vermont 5's.		20 00
			$21,386 53

I have examined the account of the Treasurer for the year ending Dec. 31, 1885, and find it correct, with all the items properly vouched.

FRANCIS V. BALCH,

One of the Auditing Committee.

E. & O. E.

JOHN D. WILLIAMS, *Treasurer.*

BOSTON, Dec. 31, 1885.

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NEWMAN, Miss ANNA B.
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RICHARDSON, Mrs. JEFFREY.
STETSON, Mrs. JOSHUA.
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THAYER, NATHANIEL N.
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WETHERELL, Mrs. JOHN G.
WIGGLESWORTH, Miss ANNE.
WILLIAMS, Miss ANN D.

SUBSCRIBERS AND DONORS.

From Jan. 1, 1885, to Jan. 1, 1886.

Abbott, Miss Anne W	$5.00
Alden, John E.	5.00
Ames, Mrs. Oliver, sen.	75.00
Amory, William	5.00
Amory, Arthur	5.00
Atkinson, W. P.	5.00
Ayres, John	5.00
Baker, Ezra H.	5.00
Balch, F. V.	10.00
Balch, Mrs. Susan T.	2.00
Barnes, Charles B.	10.00
Bartol, Miss E. H.	5.00
Beebe, Mrs. J. Arthur	5.00
Bigelow, Mrs. Horatio	5.00
Blake, S. P., jun.	5.00
Bond, George William	10.00
Bouvé, T. T.	10.00
Bowditch, J. I.	5.00
Bowditch, Henry I.	5.00
Bradford, Mrs. M. R.	2.00
Bradlee, Miss	5.00
Bradlee, Rev. Caleb D.	25.00
Bradley, Miss Eliza W.	2.00
Brewer, Charles	5 00
Brewer, Mrs. Gardner	100.00
Brown, Mrs. James	3.00
Browne, Miss H. L.	2.00
Bruce, Mrs. Edwin	2.00
Bryant, Mrs. Henry	3.00
Bullard, Mrs. William S.	5.00
Burrage, A. A.	10.00
Burrage, Mrs. E. A.	5.00
Cabot, Dr. A. T.	$20.00
Campbell, Mrs. W. H.	1.00
Cary, Miss Anne P.	10.00
Cary, Miss Ellen G.	10.00
Case, Mrs. James B.	20.00
Chickering, George H.	10.00
Clarke, Mrs. J. Freeman	10.00
Clarke, Miss Cora H.	2.00
Coolidge, Mrs. J. T., jun.	25 00
Crane, Joshua	10.00
Crawford, Mrs. John J.	10.00
Cruft, Miss A. P.	3.00
Cruft, Miss H. O.	3.00
Cunningham, Mrs. J. H.	5.00
Curtis, Mrs. C. P.	10.00
Curtis, Mrs. Henry	2 00
Cushing, R. M.	50.00
Dabney, Mrs. Roxana	5.00
Daggett, Mrs. Henry L.	2.00
Davis, Mrs. J. Amory	20 00
Deblois, Mrs. A.	2.00
Ditson, Oliver	10.00
Dorr, Miss S. E.	3.00
Eliot, Samuel	10 00
Emmons, Mrs. Mary B.	5.00
Endicott, William, jun.	25.00
Everett, Otis, Mr. and Mrs.	10.00
Farnsworth, I. D.	5.00
Fellowes, Miss Charlotte	2.00
Fenno, Isaac	10.00

Fernald, Mrs. J. C.	$2.00
Fields, Mrs. J. T.	5.00
Fiske, Mrs. Andrew	5.00
Flagg, Mrs. Augustus	5.00
Flagg, Mrs. Elisha	5.00
Foote, Rev. H. W.	5.00
Forbes, J. M.	5.00
Frothingham, Miss Ellen	5.00
Friend, A	20.00
Gaffield, Thomas	5.00
Glidden, Mrs. J. M.	10.00
Glover, Jos. B.	10.00
Goddard, Miss Matilda	5.00
Goddard, Miss Rebecca A.	5.00
Gore, Miss Sarah D.	3.00
Gray, Russell	15.00
Green, Mrs.	5.00
Greenleaf, Mrs Mary P.	10.00
Greenleaf, Richard C.	50.00
Greenough, Mrs. W. W.	2.00
Grew, Miss J. N.	5.00
Guild, Mrs. S. E.	5.00
Hall, Miss H. W.	5.00
Hammond, Mrs. G. W.	3.00
Higginson, Mrs. Waldo	10.00
Hollingsworth, Mrs. George	5.00
Hobbs, The Misses	5.00
Hobbs, Miss E. E.	5.00
Holmes, Mrs. O. W.	10.00
Holmes, Mrs. E. J.	5.00
Homans, Dr. C. D.	2.00
Hooper, E. W.	25.00
Howard, Miss M. W.	2.00
Howe, Miss Louisa	5.00
Howe, Miss H. A.	2.00
Howe, Mrs. John C.	5.00
Hunneman, Mrs. William	5.00
Hunnewell, F. W.	50.00
Johnson, C. A.	10.00
Johnson, Samuel	5.00
Joy, Mrs. Charles H.	10.00
Kendall, Miss H. W.	5.00
Kennedy, George G.	10.00
Kidder, H. P.	10.00
Kimball, Miss H. H.	10.00
Langley, Miss A. W.	$3.00
Lawrence, Mrs. Amos A.	25.00
Lee, Henry	20.00
Lincoln, Miss Anne B.	20.00
Lodge, Mrs. John E.	10.00
Lord, Mrs. Charles	7.50
Lowell, Mrs. Augustus	3.00
Lyman, Mrs. Arthur T.	10.00
Manning, Mrs. F. C.	5.00
Marston, S. W.	5.00
Mason, Miss Ida M.	50.00
Mass. Charitable Fire Society	200.00
Mattapan, Young Ladies of	10.00
May, Miss A. W.	5 00
May, Miss Eleanor G.	5.00
May, F. W. G.	5.00
May, Mrs. F. W. G.	2.00
May, J. J.	2.00
Mayo, E. R.	5.00
McGregor, Mrs. Mary M.	25.00
Merriam, Charles	5.00
Merriam, Mrs. J. L.	5.00
Minot, Dr. F.	5.00
Mixter, Miss M. C.	60.00
Mixter, Miss H. K.	50.00
Morison, Mrs. J. H.	5.00
Morison, Mrs. Frank	25.00
Morse, S. T.	10.00
Motte, Mrs. Ellis L.	5.00
Nichols, Mrs. R. Anne	2.00
Osgood, John Felt	10.00
Page, Mrs. C. G.	2.00
Paine, The Misses	10.00
Parker, Miss M. F.	4.00
Parkman, Miss E. S.	5.00
Peele, Mrs. J. W.	5 00
Perkins, William	10.00
Peters, E. D.	10.00
Philbrick, E. S.	5.00
Porter, Miss H. F.	15.00
Randall, Mrs. B. L.	3.00
Reed, Mrs. B. T.	5.00
Reed, Mrs. C. H.	3 00
Richards, F. C.	5.00

Rogers, Mrs. W. B.	$5.00
Ropes, Joseph S.	3.00
Salisbury, D. W.	10.00
Salisbury, Miss R.	5.00
Saltonstall, Henry	50.00
Sears, K. W.	10.00
Sears, Mrs. P. H.	10.00
Shattuck, George O.	5.00
Shaw, Mrs. G. H.	5.00
Shaw, Mrs. Quincy A.	50.00
Skinner, Miss Marion	1.00
Snow, Miss	200.00
Spooner, Mrs. D. N.	2.00
Stetson, Mrs. Joshua	10.00
Stevenson, Mrs. R. H.	5.00
Stevenson, Miss H. E.	5.00
Stone, Mrs. Frederick	5.00
Sweetser, Mrs. Isaac	25.00
Tappan, L. W., jun.	5.00
Thayer, Miss C. C.	2.00
Thayer, Mrs. S. V. R.	5.00
Thorndike, Mrs. J. H.	2 00
Torrey, Miss. A. D.	5.00
Tompkins, Mrs. O.	2.00
Turner, Miss A. W.	$25.00
Turner, Miss A. M.	10.00
Unity Church Sunday School, North Easton	41.00
Wainwright, Miss Rebecca P.	5.00
Wales, Miss Mary Ann	20.00
Ware, Mrs. C. E.	25.00
Warren, Mrs. Susan C.	5.00
Warren, Mrs. Richard	5.00
Weld, Dr. Moses W.	5.00
Weld, Mrs. M. W.	5.00
Westacott, R.	10.00
Whitman, Henry.	10.00
Whitmore, C. J.	5.00
Whitmore, C. O.	5.00
Whitwell, H.	5.00
Winthrop, R. C., jun.	10.00
Winthrop, Mrs. Robert C.	25 00
Wolcott, J. H.	5.00
Wolcott, Mrs. J. H.	25.00
Young, Mrs. B. L.	10.00
Young, C. L.	10.00
Young, Miss F.	5.00

DONATIONS TO THE HOME FOR 1885.

Mrs. James H. Reed. — Children's aprons.
Miss Nettie Fects. — Crocheted mittens.
The Mites' Sewing Circle. — Package.
The Fiend Club, Dorchester. — Aprons.
Mrs. Sabine and Mrs. Atherton. — Bundle baby clothes.
Sewing Circle in Hingham. — Thirty garments, by Mrs. Hobart.
Griffigin Society. — Package clothing.
Miss Georgina Lovell. — Bundle of children's clothing.
Miss Anna Kimball — Children's dresses, etc.
Mrs. Chaffin and Friends, North Easton. — Children's clothing.
Mrs. Ware, Brimmer Street. — Children's clothing.
T. M. C — Children's clothing.
Wollaston Sewing Society. — Clothing.
Mrs. James Brown. — Children's clothing.
Mrs. A. H. McKean. — Two volumes "Day-Spring."
Miss C. C. Thayer, for her brother. — Turkey for Thanksgiving.
Mrs. Charles H. Bond. — Box of clothing.
Mrs. John R. Brewer. — Bed-linen.
S. O. Club. — Children's clothing.
Spirit of '76 Sewing Circle. — Clothing.
Mrs. Augustus Flagg — Turkey.
Unitarian Sewing Circle, North Easton. — Clothing.
Alice Revere Lincoln. — Six scrap-books.
Unitarian Society, Northborough. — Children's clothing.
Master H. Percy Dodge. — Suit of boys' clothes.
Mrs. Joshua Stetson. — Children's clothing.
Mrs. Lodge. — Basket of apples.
Third Parish, Hingham. — Bundle clothing.
Rev. D. W. Waldron. — Thanksgiving articles.

Mrs. Charles P. Curtis. — Children's clothing.
Mrs. E. M. Barnard and Mrs. Goodwin. — Turkey and pudding.
Samuel Johnson. — Three bags figs, five boxes grapes.
A. R. Gay & Co. — Ink.
Middleton Sabbath School. — Package of books.
Mrs. W. W. Wadsworth and Mrs. James Brown. — Bed-linen.
Miss Eleanor May. — Tumblers.
Mrs. Percival L. Everett. — Trunk of clothing, and toys.
Mrs. F. F. French. — Infants' clothing
Mrs. Horton. — A bundle of useful garments.
Mr. McKim. — One barrel apples.
Mrs. R. H. Dana, Sewing Circle. — Bundle of clothing.
Fiend Club. — Dresses for children.
Mrs. J. R. Brewer. — Bundle clothing.
Mrs. Jordan. — One box pears.
Mrs. Kennedy. — Two boxes pears.
Miss Helen Kimball. — Pears.
Miss Anna B. Lincoln. — Cloth for cloaks.
Mrs. G. F. T. Reed. — Winter cloaks.
Mrs. J. R. Brewer. — Winter hats.
Miss Mary A. Tilden and friends of Mattapan. — Package of clothing.
Miss A. W. May, Trinity chapel. — Pears.
Miss Mabel M. White. — Clothing.
Unity Sewing Society, North Easton. — One package clothing.
Dr. G. G. Kennedy. — One box pears.
Miss Bayley, of Providence. — Crab-apples.
Miss Brewer. — Story books and toys.
Mrs. Oliver Ames, North Easton. — Clothing.
Sewing Circle, North Andover. — Christmas presents.
Congregational Benevolent Society, Wollaston. — Two packages children's clothing.
Nimble Fingers' Society, Mattapan. — Christmas box.
Boston Sewing Circle. — Gowns and other clothing.
Mrs. Oliver Ames. — Large package clothing.
Mrs. George H. Prescott, Wollaston. — Package clothing.
Miss P. S. Bowers. — Children's clothing.
Hingham Society, by Mrs. Hobart. — Children's clothing.
S. O. Club. — Package clothing.
Centennial Sewing Circle. — Forty-seven garments.
Third Parish Sewing Circle, Hingham. — Fifty garments.

King's Chapel Employment Society. — One hundred and two garments for children.

Parlor mantel clock, from Annie Chaffin, Lulie Howard, Nettie Fects, Ida Tinkham, Adella Hiath, Annie Ripley, Misses Dutton, Commonwealth Avenue; Mrs. Katharine I. Prince, Amherst; Miss Caroline Merriam, 14 Ashland Street.

Frederick E. Weber. — Confectionery.

Nimble Fingers' Society, Mattapan. — Ten dollars.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. T. Reed. — Nine Jersey dresses for the children, one box of shoes, seven outside garments for girls, fou Jersey jackets.

Mrs. Wheeler. — Eight outside garments for little girls.

Miss H. H. Kendall. — Babies' under-flannels and night-dresses

Miss Huidekoper. — Children's clothing.

Mrs. Wheelwright. — Several donations of clothing.

From the Fiends' Sewing Society of Young Ladies. — Two large donations of clothing.

From Mr. F. W. G. May, Dorchester, at several times, large cans of milk and other things.

Charles W. Smith, 501 Shawmut Avenue. — Nine pounds of candy, and other things.

Mrs. Franklin B. Daniels, 75 Worcester Street. — Children's clothing, shoes, stockings, etc.

D. L. Shepard. — Present of sundries.

Many thanks to several of our neighbors who have left presents at our door, without giving their names.

THANKSGIVING PRESENTS.

Miss May. — Turkey.

Mrs. Barnard and Mrs. Goodwin. — Turkey and plumb pudding.

Mrs. Jones of Norfolk House. — One barrel of apples and a turkey.

Rev. Mr. Waldron. — Vegetables, cranberries, and apples.

Miss C. C. Thayer. — A turkey.

The two sons of Mr. Samuel Johnson. — Grapes and three bags of figs.

Mr. Augustus Flagg. — Two dollars.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed, Boylston Street, Jamaica Plain. — Three turkeys.

Dr. Woodbine. — One barrel potatoes.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

From the Methodist-Episcopal Church, Tremont Street. — Three turkeys.

From Mr. Benjamin Johnson, Faneuil-Hall Market. — A turkey.

From Mrs. Benjamin Johnson. — Five dollars and some toys.

From G. L. K. — Their usual gift of ten dollars.

From Mrs. G. F. T. Reed. — Toys, diaries, etc.

From Miss Elizabeth Hills. — A valuable lot of toys.

From Mrs. G. H. Lodge. — A bushel of apples.

From Miss Gardner, confectioner. — A loaf of cake and a box of fancy candies.

From Mr. Weber, Temple Place. — Twelve boxes bonbons.

From Rev. Mr. Waldron. — A Christmas card for each of the inmates of the Home.

From Mrs. Dr. Prince of Amherst. — Little boxes with pretty mottoes, for each of the children.

From Mrs. J. T. Coolidge. — A box of toys for the children.

From a little girl of six years. — A very pretty scrapbook of pictures.

From Miss Abby May. — A large donation of clothing.

From Mrs. John R. Brewer. — A large box of undergarments, stockings, and hats.

From Mr. W. W. Blackmar. — Children's hats.

From Mrs. Atherton Brown. — Toys and children's clothing.